

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF COGNATE
CASES PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL
RULE 3.3.2(c)

Administrative Order
No. 20-CA-033

WHEREAS, the Court currently has pending four civil lawsuits challenging some aspects of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-42; and

WHEREAS, Case Nos. 1:20-CV-323, *Beemer, et al. v. Whitmer, et al.*, and 1:20-CV-325, *VanderZwaag, et al. v. Whitmer, et al.*, were assigned by random draw to Honorable Paul L. Maloney; and

WHEREAS, two new pending civil cases filed between the close of business Friday, April 17, 2020, and the opening of business Monday, April 20, 2020, also challenging aspects of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-42, have not yet been assigned; and

WHEREAS, the two newly filed cases, Case Nos. 1:20-CV-331, *Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, et al. v. Whitmer, et al.*, and 1:20-CV-335, *Michigan United Conservation Clubs v. Whitmer, et al.*, have been determined to be cognate cases which should be assigned to one judge; and

WHEREAS, Local Rule 3.3.2(c) calls for all cognate cases to be assigned to the judge with the pending case bearing the lowest number; and


WHEREAS, all District Judges currently on the assignment wheel concur:

IT IS ORDERED that Case Nos. 1:20-CV-331, *Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, et al. v. Whitmer, et al.*, and 1:20-CV-335, *Michigan United Conservation Clubs v. Whitmer, et al.*, as well as any new cases filed that include a challenge to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order, shall be assigned to the Honorable Paul L. Maloney pursuant to the approved procedure. See W.D. Mich LCivR 3.3.2(c).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Green shall be the Magistrate Judge assigned to these cases.

A copy of this Administrative Order shall be filed in each of these cases.

Dated: April 20, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Jonker", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE